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SUBJECT: SECOND ROUND OF NATIONWIDE BOMBINGS JULY 31

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1. FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF THE JULY 18 BOMBINGS IN 7
SPANISH CITIES TWO WEEKENDS AGO (REFTEL), BOMBS AGAIN
EXPLODED IN 5 CITIES DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF
JULY 31. THE TARGETS WERE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BUILDINGS
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AND VETERANS' MONUMENTS IN BARCELONA, BILBAO, MADRID, PONTEVEDRA, AND SEVILLA. IRONICALLY, THE ONLY VICTIMS WERE TWO YOUNG MEN IN SEVILLA WHO WERE KILLED IN A PARK WHEN THE EXPLOSIVES THEY WERE CARRYING EXPLODED. AMCONSUL SEVILLA HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE LOCAL PRESS (SUROESTE), BASED ON POLICE SOURCES, HAS IDENTIFIED THE BOMBERS AS MEMBERS OF THE SAME EXTREME LEFTWING ORGANIZATION REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JULY 18 BOMBINGS: THE ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE GROUP, FIRST OF OCTOBER (GRAF).

2. EL PAIS (LIBERAL INDEPENDENT) ON AUGUST 1 HEADLINED THE STROY THAT THE SO-CALLED GRAF HAD AGAIN CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBINS. AN INDIVIDUAL PURPORTING TO REPRESENT THE TERRORIST GROUP HAD TELEPHONED THE NEWSPAPER LATE JULY 31, DECLARING THAT "IN SPITE OF THE LOSS OF TWO OF OUR MEN IN SEVILLA--WE SHALL NOT STOP THE STRUGGLE UNTIL THE HATED FASICST REGIME IS OVERTHROWN." EL PAIS WENT ON TO QUOTE A WIRE SERVICE (LOGOS) COMMUNIQUE TO THE EFFECT THAT A BRIEFCASE FULL OF GRAF PAMPHLETS HAD BEEN FOUND NEXT TO WHERE THE EXPLOSION IN SEVILLA OCCURRED. IN A REPRESENTATIVE EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED AUGUST 1, THE MONARCHIST ABC ASSERTED THAT THE "ALMOST PERFECTLY SYNCHRONIZED" BOMBINGS WERE "WITHOUT DOUBT" THE TERRORISTS' ANSWER TO THE AMNESTY ANNOUNCED BY THE KING ON JULY 30. THESE TERRORISTS WANT NO TYPE OF JUSTICE FOR, THE BEGIN WITH, THEY WANT NO TYPE OF RECONCILIATION, THE PAPER CONCLUDED. STABLER

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